(b) 3226 letters out of them have been acknowledged.

(c) Final replies have been sent in respect of 2476 letters.

(d) It is difficult to classify all these letters into letters containing positive and negative replies alone, as a large number of these letters also provide clarifications or factual details.

Demand and supply of LPG in Bihar

5516. SHRI AAS MOHAMMAD: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the efforts made to ensure smooth supply of LPG in Bihar; and

(b) the extent of demand and the supply of LPG made in Bihar during the last three years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPT. SATISH SHARMA): (a) and (b) The demand of existing consumers of LPG in Bihar who are enrolled with the distributors of the Public Sector Oil Companies is by and large being met in full. Temporary backlogs that may arise are cleared by augmenting LPG supplies through operation of bottling plants during extended hours and on holidays and by arranging supplies from bottling plants in adjoining areas.

The LPG sale in the State of Bihar during 1991-92, 1992-93 and 1993-94 was as under:—

	Figures in TMT
1991-92	70.1
1992-93	78.6
1993-94	86.2

LPG agencies in Uttar Pradesh

5517. SHRI SANJAY DALMIA:

MAULANA OBAIDULLAH KHAN AZMI:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state the number of LPG agencies in UP at present?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPT. SATISH SHARMA): As on 1.4.1995, 533 LPG distributorships were functioning in Uttar Pradesh.

Projects to enhance recoverable reserves of Oil wells

5518. SHRI SANJAY DALMIA:

SHRI N. HANUMANTHA RAO:

SHRI J. S. RAJU:

SHRI AJIT P. K. JOGI:

MAULANA OBAIDULLAH KHAN AZMI:

SHRI S. K. T. RAMACHANDRAN:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the recoverable reserves of India's oil wells, now under production will last for only 26 years;

(b) if so, whether Government have taken up any projects to enhance the recoverable reserves from the fields currently under production and those under exploration;

(c) if so. the details thereof; and

(d) the present local production of oil and how it finds short of the annual demand making India a net importer?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPT. SATISH SHARMA): (a) At the present rate of

depletion, the present balance recoverable oil reserves would sustain a production for about 24 years.

(b) and (c) Yes, Sir. Apart from the exploration projects initially included in the current plan, Government have approved an accelerated Exploration programme to increase the hydrocarbon reserves in the country. This programme includes the National Seismic grid, deep sea exploration and exploration in frontier areas.

(d) While 32.24 million tonnes of crude oil was produced indigenously during 1994-95, about 27.35 million tonnes was imported during the period.

Proposal to set up an oil refinery in UP

5519. SHRI SANJAY DALMIA:
MAULANA OBAIDULLAH:
KHAN AZMI:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to set up a new oil refinary in Uttar Pradesh;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) by when the refinary is likely to be set up?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PEROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPT. SATISH SHARMA): (a) to (c) There is a proposal to set up a grass-root refinery in Uttar Pradesh. The details of the proposal are being worked out.

बॉम्बे हाई से राज्यों को गैस की आपूर्ति

5520. **श्री चिमनभाई हरिभाई शुक्ल :** क्या पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) 1 जनवरी, 1995 तक किन-किन राज्य सरकारों ने बॉम्बे हाई से गैस की आपूर्ति की मांग की है ;

(ख) प्रत्येक राज्य सरकार ने कितनी-कितनी गैस की मांग की है ;

(ग) केन्द्रीय सरकार ने इस संबंध में क्या निर्णय लिया है ;

(घ) सरकार ने उक्त राज्यों की, विशेषकर गुजरात की किन-किन विद्युत परियोजनाओं को बॉम्बे हाई से उपलब्ध अतिरिक्त गैस की आपूर्ति करने योग्य समझा है ; और

(ङ) तत्संबंधी ब्यौरा क्या है ?

पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (कैप्टन सतीश शर्मा) : (क) महाराष्ट्र, गुजरात, मध्य प्रदेश, राजस्थान, उत्तर प्रदेश, बिहार, उड़ीसा, हरियाणा, पंजाब और दक्षिणी राज्यों से अनुरोध प्राप्त हुए हैं ।

(ख) और (ग) महाराष्ट्र ने 30 एम एम एस सी एम डी की अतिरिक्त मांग दर्शाई है और बिहार ने 6 एम एम एस सी एम डी की मांग दर्शाई है । अन्य राज्यों ने निश्चित मात्राएं नहीं दर्शाई है । पश्चिमी अपतटीय क्षेत्रों से उपलब्ध होने वाली अनुमानित गैस का पूर्णतया आवंटन किया जा चुका है तथा अतिरिक्त आवंटन के अनुरोधों पर विचार नहीं किया जा सकता ।

(घ) और (ङ) पश्चिमी अपतटीय क्षेत्रों से गैस निम्नलिखित विद्युत परियोजनाओं को आवंटित की गई है :

(एम एम एस सी एम डी)

राज्य	उपभोक्ता	आवंटन
महाराष्ट्र	एम एस ई बी (उरान)	4.50
	टी ई सी (ट्रॉम्बे)	1.50
गुजरात	एन टी पी सी (कवास)	2.19
राजस्थान	एन टी पी सी (अंता)	1.71